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A single Soviet cruiser was observed, during poor visibility, five nautical miles [REDACTED] which was about 15 nautical miles north of Kahlberg (N 54-23, E 19-27). The cruiser had a raking stern, two slanting stacks, and a massive, squat conning bridge; its armament consisted of two gun turrets on the foredeck, and two others on the after deck. There was a structure on the conning bridge atop the range finder (sic) which source believed, was a radar scanner. The cruiser steered various courses at very low speed, and turned away to the east.

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[REDACTED] Comment: It cannot be determined whether the cruiser was a new SVERDLOV cruiser, or the CHEKALOV. Another large ship, probably a cruiser, was sighted in the same area on 17 January 1953.

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